

102nd ANNUAL MEETING
BENT-PROWERS
CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Prior to the business meeting on Saturday, February 20, 1971, which was held in La Junta, Colorado, the registration started at 12:00 a.m. It was followed by a Welcome at 1:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance, given by the Junior Cattlemen.

Speaking at the meeting was W. D. Farr, President of the American National Cattlemen's Association. Senator Gordon Allot had also been scheduled to speak but due to inclement weather, was unable to attend. Farr gave a most excellent and rousing talk.

At 2:30 p.m. the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen left this meeting to hold their own business meeting in the Animal Science Building, and the Southeast Colorado Cowbells also held a business meeting, in the Cafeteria Student Center. Speakers present were Jack Orr, President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Dave Rice, Executive Vice-President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He gave a highly interesting and informative dealing with legislation. A business meeting followed.

At 6:00 p.m. at the Kit Carson Hotel a Cowboy Punch Bowl was held. The Annual Banquet got underway at 7:00 p.m. Everybody was surprised to see "Stutterin' Sam Hunter," billed as Judge S. J. Sparks, as speaker. "Stutterin' Sam" gave a very entertaining, and humorous talk.

Life memberships were then awarded to ^{Six} ~~five~~ people and a special award was given to C.V. Mills. (See attached.)

*Also a special life time membership
was presented to Milton Booth*

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was called to order at 3:55 p.m. by the Association's President, Eddie Dunlap, with 156 persons present. The minutes of the 101st annual meeting were read by Bill Wootten, Secretary-Treasurer. There were no additions or deletions to the minutes; and the President, Eddie Dunlap, approved the minutes as read.

The next item of business, the Treasurer's Report, was given by Bill Wootten, Secretary-Treasurer. "We had a beginning balance from the time I took over of \$1,053.49; total receipts for 1970, which includes dues, sale of B4J Books, donations and sale of posters, etc., \$10,613.14; total disbursements up to the present time: Colorado Boys Ranch \$100.00; Office Supplies, \$338.73; C.C.A. dues (410 paid-up members) \$7,291.00; Jeffers Rexall for supplies \$102.35; O.J.C. rent for facilities for today \$30.00; speaker for 1971 annual meeting \$435.00; Miscellaneous \$25.00; B4J Books, \$143.00 for binding and \$1,024.00 for mimeo, total of \$1,167.00; Advertising \$50.00; A.N.C.A. dues \$40.00 which were just dues that members paid to me, and I sent them on in. We acted as agent for C.C.A. for Century in Saddle Books \$72.10; dinners at the directors meeting at Holly where we guaranteed so many \$24.50; total disbursements of \$9,675.68, which leaves us with an ending balance of \$1,990.95. We are solvent." A motion was made by Joe Autry and seconded by Tommy Rose that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The President, Eddie Dunlap, then stated that we go into the resolutions. "Just a minute, we have another little item here that has been kicked around all year." John Smartt then came forward and stated: "Two or three months ago, a Committee of three came up with a recommendation for the following changes to the Bylaws. I would like to propose the following two amendments to the Bylaws: 1. We Strike Section 2 and replace it with the following: The Officers of this Association shall consist of a president; 1st vice-president; 2nd vice-president; secretary-treasurer and membership clerk. 2. We strike Section 8 and insert the following: The Board of Directors shall consist of a president; 1st vice-president; 2nd vice-president; secretary-treasurer; membership clerk; past president and fifteen directors, each elected for a three-year term. Five should be elected each year; the first year all fifteen would be elected and five each year after that." Ed Dean responded, "If this goes through, in three or four years we will have no directors. We have found this very difficult to do." The President, Eddie Dunlap, stated, "We should amend the Bylaws to include directors but not in this manner." Ed Dean agreed with Eddie Dunlap, President; and Kenny Clark stated: "Ed is sure right." President, Eddie Dunlap, stated: "We have tried to handle this in directors' meetings but decided to handle it at the annual meeting. Could we have a motion on whatever your pleasure might be? Are you ready for a motion? Do you want more discussion on it?" Joe Hasser stated: "I move that we table this until we kick it around at directors' meetings and possibly have members of this year's Nominating Committee work on it. I think they have some ideas along this line. I feel that we should talk about it for a couple of meetings." President, Eddie Dunlap: "What is your pleasure?" Ed Dean seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

President, Eddie Dunlap: "Now, Jim, if you want to come forward, we will have the resolutions." Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Jim McMillin: "We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following resolutions for consideration at the 102nd annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Bob Morrison, Bill Dawson, John Smartt, and Lew Mathews of the Committee are present. Jerry Keffeler is in the hospital in Denver and couldn't be with us today. I think in the interest of expediency I am going to go through each resolution and will then move that it pass. There will be a second. If there are any questions, we will discuss them." Resolution No. 1, the National Brand Law, was read by Jim McMillin:

Under the Constitution of the United States of America, we are guaranteed the right to own and protect our property. Livestock is classified as property. Daily, we are being deprived of this right and of our property due to the criminal activities of thieves who escape detection and prosecution because of one or a combination of the following conditions:

- (1) A state has no brand law; hence no identification of animals.
- (2) A state has a law, but no enforcement authority.
- (3) Inept officials, who either will not, or cannot, cooperate in the detection, apprehension and prosecution of rustlers.
- (4) No reciprocity exists with other states.

Due to the value of individual animals and the methods of modern transportation this criminal activity threatens the profitability, even the very existence of our livestock industry,

THEREFORE, we, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, do hereby recommend that the COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION solicit the support of the Cattlemen's Associations in those states that presently have adequate brand laws, and that together they solicit the support of those livestock owners in states having no brand law to push for enactment of a National Brand Law, and the making of livestock rustling a federal offense. Further, if funding such a law for enforcement should become an issue, individual livestock owners should be polled through their local associations on the possibility of a "livestock head tax" to raise such funds.

We express our thanks to United States Representative, Frank Evans, for his offer of help to obtain this legislation.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Lew Mathews. Jim McMillin: "I would like to point out at this time, this was brought up at Las Vegas. What we propose here is that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association initiate the action by going to other interested states and then going to the states that don't have a law and working through the International Brand Conference and doing the ground work. This will take possibly three years. This was the intent of this resolution." President, Eddie Dunlap: "Are you ready for the question?" Tommy Rose asked, "What procedure will we have to go through to make rustling a federal offense?" President, Eddie Dunlap, answered: "It is a federal offense as it is. Are you ready for the question?" Kenny Clark called for the

question. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 2, the Unbranded Calf Law, was read by Jim McMillin:

WHEREAS, the unbranded calf law provides that certain conditions must be met before it can be enforced in a county, and,

WHEREAS, this law is a further aid and tool in adequate brand inspection enforcement, and,

WHEREAS, this law acts as an added deterrent to cattle rustling, and,

WHEREAS, only Otero and Bent Counties within this Association have complied with the necessary requirements and do now have this law,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that this organization urge Baca, Kiowa, and Prowers Counties take the necessary steps to enact the law in their respective counties; these steps to include petitions containing 51% of the cattle owners owning 51% of the cattle within a county.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Joe Autry. There was no discussion, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 3, Funding of Colorado State Meat Inspection, was read by Jim McMillin:

WHEREAS, the lack of funding of Colorado Meat Inspection would result in a takeover by the Federal Meat Inspection Service, and,

WHEREAS, this course of action would threaten the continued existence of many small operations in both rural and urban communities of the state, and,

WHEREAS, this loss would be a further detriment to our economy,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association commend our state legislature and Governor, John Love, for the continued funding of the Colorado program for the remainder of the fiscal year, and

FURTHER that we encourage our legislature and Governor Love to provide adequate funds to permanently continue the Colorado State Meat Inspection Program.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin and seconded by Kenny Clark that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 4, Secretarial Assistance, was read by Jim McMillin:

The secretary of our association has many duties to perform, to list some are as follows:

To handle all communications and be responsible to acknowledge the receipt thereof, to enlighten the officers and the membership, to see that proper disposal is made of each, again to enlighten the officers and members, finally to carry out any actions called for in the

final disposition thereof.

To receive, record, and handle all monies.

To receive, record, refer to the proper officers, all accounts payable, to see that they are acted on properly, and to make final disposition by paying said accounts.

To guide the leadership by keeping current on all old and new business of the association, and by seeing that each item is acted upon properly.

To assist in the planning of all meetings, including the annual meeting, directors meetings, and committee meetings; he must determine a place to meet, contact the proper people, notify the individuals involved, and is responsible for changes, where necessary.

In addition to the above, he must transcribe all proceedings, being diligent to capture each word and phrase so as not to change their intention or meaning. These records to be filed in our archives for our current and future enlightenment, even for 102 years.

Our current and past secretaries have performed ably, without complaint; however, we propose to assist them in the discharge of their duties by the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, hereby authorize and empower the secretary of the organization to hire a court reporter, or person of similar skill, to transcribe the proceedings of all directors meetings and our annual meeting, and that the secretary be authorized to withdraw funds from the treasury to pay such person according to the prevailing wage for such skill.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Kenny Clark, who stated, "I think we should change our Nominating Committee, and I will be secretary." The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 5, Acknowledgement, was read by Jim McMillin:

WHEREAS, the press and radio have devoted much time and effort to the coverage of the activities of the association, and have given us an excellent forum for discussion and publicity of our needs, and,

WHEREAS, the cooperation and coverage in 1970-71 has been exceptional in both quantity and quality,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattlemen's Association takes this opportunity to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to the following: The Arkansas Valley Journal, The Bent County Democrat, The Cattle Guard, The Holly Chieftan, The Kiowa County Press, The Lamar Tri-State Daily News, The Plainsman Herald, The Pueblo Chieftan, The Rocky Ford Daily Gazette, The Tribune Democrat, all news-

papers; and to radio stations KAVI, KBZZ, and KLMR.

FURTHER, that we solicit their cooperation and goodwill in the future, and the membership of this organization is encouraged to cooperate with, and support, the above-named publications and radio stations in whatever manner may be possible.

A copy of this resolution is to be sent to each individual publication and radio station for their edification and enlightenment.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin and seconded by Joe Autry that the foregoing resolution be adopted. There was no discussion, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 6, Acknowledgement, was read by Jim McMillin:

WHEREAS, the La Junta Chamber of Commerce has rendered invaluable support and assistance in the planning and staging of this most successful annual meeting, and,

WHEREAS, the Otero Junior College, its administration and staff, have provided excellent accommodations for our business meetings, and,

WHEREAS, the management and staff of the Kit Carson Hotel have graciously accommodated us for our "Cowboy Punch Bowl" and Annual Banquet, and,

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned are representative of the fine hospitality of the City of La Junta,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Association takes this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to the people of La Junta, the La Junta Chamber of Commerce, the administration and staff of the Otero Junior College, and the management and staff of the Kit Carson Hotel.

FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the above-named institutions, and a copy shall be placed in the La Junta Tribune Democrat and the Arkansas Valley Journal, thereby publicly expressing our sincere appreciation to the residents of La Junta.

A motion was made by Jim McMillin and seconded by Lew Mathews that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 7, Acknowledgement, was read by Jim McMillin:

WHEREAS, our president, Eddie Dunlap, has devoted many long hours, much travel, and considerable personal expense and sacrifice in behalf of our association, and,

WHEREAS, his pleasant and effective manner has reflected credit upon our association, and,

WHEREAS, the membership of this association has grown to an all-time high during his term of office,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Eddie Dunlap for his outstanding leadership,

FURTHER, that his past-president's plaque be engraved with the inscription, "For Outstanding Service and Leadership", and,

FURTHER, that he be reimbursed for his expenses to the extent the treasury will allow.

Jim McMillin stated, "On this resolution, let's give Eddie a round of applause if we approve of it." There was an overwhelming round of applause. President, Eddie Dunlap, responded, "Thank you, Jim. This really means a lot to me, people. Thank you."

Jim McMillin then read Resolution No. 8, Acknowledgement:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to our speakers: President Bill Farr, A.N.C.A.; President Jack Orr, C.C.A.; Executive Vice-President Dave Rice, C.C.A.

Jim McMillin stated: "Let's give these fellows a round of applause. They are all here. I am not going to ask anybody to move on it. I know it is our intent." A tremendous round of applause followed.

Resolution No. 9, Acknowledgement, was then read by Jim McMillin:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that this organization expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude and commends the efforts of the following:

Kenneth Clark, our representative on the C.C.A. Board of Control, who has done an outstanding job in his constant efforts to add to our membership and to improve our association,

Bill Wootten, who has ably performed all the duties incumbent upon a secretary,

The Officers, Directors, and the various committees for their untiring efforts, and last, but not least,

A very special thank you and recognition to our Convention Chairman, Milton H. Booth, who did an outstanding job in planning, organizing, publicizing and staging of this 102nd Annual Meeting. May it be noted that the "Pre-Meeting" press and radio coverage has been exceptional.

Jim McMillin moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Joe Autry and adopted by acclamation.

Milton H. Booth then came up to the podium at the request of Jim McMillin. Jim McMillin said, "It is a sincere pleasure for me to present

to you this plaque; and, if I may, I would like to read the inscription-- 'Honorary life-time membership to Milton H. Booth for years of exceptional service to the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting; La Junta, Colorado; February 20, 1971. Congratulations!" Milton H. Booth was then given a standing ovation; and he replied, "This is really very wonderful and it goes to show that I am not a very good reporter--I had no idea that this was coming. Thanks very much."

Jim McMillin then read Resolution No. 10, Acknowledgement:

WHEREAS, the following contributions have been received to add to the enjoyment and pleasure of those gathered at this 102nd Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association,

WE HEREBY RESOLVE that this organization purchase a full-page ad in the Arkansas Valley Journal to publicly thank the following truckers for providing punch bowl refreshments: Tucker Trucks, Jack Walters, M. R. Walters, Chester Bay, Cornelius Transfer & Trucks, Las Animas Transfer, and Herb Green; the Federal Land Bank for coffee at our business meeting; Colorado Beef Producers, in behalf of the Southeastern Colorado Cowbells, for providing favors for the banquet and to the La Junta Chamber of Commerce and the following merchants for the door prizes: Winters Livestock, Kipper's Super Market, La Junta Livestock, Colorado Packing Company, McKenzies, Big R Ranch Wholesale, Gambles, Ranch Supply, Woolworths, Goodmans, Otero Savings and Loan, Chet's Sello, Colorado Bank and Trust, Mullins Finance, Capri Motel and Restaurant, Holbrook Pharmacy, Purdy's Jewelry, La Pee's House of Fashion, J. C. Penney, Shull Fabrics, Smith's Shoe Store, First Federal Savings and Loan, Inges, Harding-Bulloch Jewelers, Mode O'Day, Montgomery Ward, Butlers, Tribune-Democrat, Arkansas Valley Journal, Radio Station KBZZ, Gibsons Discount, Safeway, and La Junta Mill & Elevator Company.

Jim McMillin then asked, "I would like to know if there is anyone we have left out. If there is, notify Bill afterwards." A motion was made by Jim McMillin and seconded by Tommy Rose that the foregoing resolution be adopted. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jim McMillin then stated that Resolution No. 11 would be our Standard Memorial Resolution--personal contributions to the family of deceased members expressing our gratitude for their membership. "Again, if you know of some member of the Organization that has passed away, give it to me. I am sure there are some." The following were named: F. L. Pyles, Ezra Thaxton, Chester Cruikshank and John Etchart. A motion was made by Jim McMillin and seconded by Dan Sniff that the standard Memorial Resolution be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McMillin then read the following resolution which he stated was the Lincoln County Stockmen's Association's resolution:

WHEREAS, most of Eastern Colorado's Antelope hunting is done on private property at the time of year that ranchers are getting livestock sorted and ready for shipping to market, and

WHEREAS, the presence of hunters and the firing of big game rifles are causing livestock to mill and run from one end of the pasture to the other causing substantial weight shrinkage with consequent financial losses to the ranchers of this area, and

WHEREAS, careless hunters have left gates open and tore down fences, letting livestock intermingle causing extra work at this busy time of the year, and

WHEREAS, at a later date the landowners would be more willing to let hunters hunt on their property, and there would also be less spoilage of game meat therefore being beneficial to the hunters as well as the landowners,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Stockmen's Association urges the Game, Fish & Parks Commission to reschedule the Antelope season in Eastern Colorado to be held the second week end in November, or immediately following the close of the regular big game season,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this season be limited to three consecutive days only.

Jim McMillin then stated, "I think now is the time to decide if we should take some action." President, Eddie Dunlap, opened this matter for discussion. Joe Oswald, President of Cheyenne County, responded, "I am from Kiowa County, and I think we would like to have something like that passed." Tommy Rose said, "I think it is a good resolution. I have antelope hunters, and I lost a \$610.00 bull one fall; but things like that happen. I think if it was postponed until the first of November it would cause less friction." Bill Wootten said, "I feel that we sure need some kind of control. I am doubtful that postponing the date would help in my case. I would like to see some kind of stronger legislation." President, Eddie Dunlap, asked if anyone else had any thoughts on the issue. Joe Oswald replied, "We don't need stronger legislation but a stronger resolution." Bill Wootten answered, "I'm sorry; I didn't mean legislation. I meant a stronger resolution." The Lincoln County President added, "We had a board meeting three weeks ago, and I think we should all band together." President, Eddie Dunlap, responded, "I agree with you that we can do more if we are blocked together than as an individual association." A motion was made by Kenny Clark that the association go right along with the resolution. The motion was seconded by John Smartt. Joe Hasser commented, "Down in our country it sure doesn't help. November is one of the big calf-selling months down here in Baca and Prowers Counties. While I am on the floor I would like to throw out an idea. I would like to see one big antelope season and get rid of them. It is just more than one man can do to keep the fences fixed." President, Eddie Dunlap, said, "I agree with you; I know the problem. We have a motion here we will have to vote on. If it would be defeated and you would like to make another resolution, we could do this. What is your pleasure on this motion?" The motion carried, with Bill Wootten opposing.

Jim McMillin stated, "Here is a last-minute resolution that was just handed to me."

WHEREAS, there has been some form of harrassment going on to some members at certain conventions, and

WHEREAS, this causes some inconveniences and is not conducive to the best of relations among members,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association will refrain from short-sheeting members' beds while they are at conventions.

After reading the resolution, Jim McMillin said, "I make no recommendation. This is not a Committee resolution." President, Eddie Dunlap, stated, "I am in no position to make any comments either. I don't know what we are going to do with this resolution." Kenny Cark moved to table the resolution, and Jim McEndree seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Jim McMillin then stated that the business of the Resolution Committee was concluded.

Dave Rice then stated that the Board had set April 15, as a deadline for C.C.A. resolutions. He also said that a bill is being pressed pertaining to tax support. The Governor will appoint the five members of this tax quorum, and one member has to come from Agriculture. All through this tax controversy, Nate has been one of the leaders. He has more know-how in this area than the average man. The Farm Bureau is backing us up, and we are going to contact other farm organizations. It is a job that is going to take ninety days the first year and may go to more days before it is through. It is a real tough job and is going to require patience and time.

President, Eddie Dunlap, asked that the respective organizations follow this through. He then reported, "We have one other item of business at this time."

Bill Wootten, Secretary-Treasurer, then reported, "Besides being Secretary, I am Marketing Chairman. At the Springfield meeting, the idea was brought up as to whether Bent-Prowers would like to have a Bent-Prowers sale for cattle in the fall. At that time, it was tabled to be felt out at the annual meeting. I know a lot of the other associations do this; and to talk to some of these auction men, they tell me the bigger the run they can get, the better the buyers they can get. All the sale rings in our area are members of this association. The people closest to that particular sale ring would take their cattle in together. I just threw this out to see how the membership feels about it. I would like correction on it. If we decide to do something on this, the next Marketing Chairman could work out something with the sale ring owners. Are there any questions or discussion?"

Barrit McCanless responded, "I think if you look at the State picture, you will see a different situation in other areas in the State. Where you go help Joe and Jack and then the other neighbors, I am not sure if there is any way you can improve your marketing situation. But in so far as advertising and contacting buyers during field runs, I think all markets do a great deal of this; and any suggestions along this line, I am sure, might work. But, I doubt that we have the need for it here in this corner of the state like you would have in the mountain areas or on the western slope."

Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Wootten, answered, "Ron Honey might have an idea on this. I know I have talked to Jerry Keffeler, and he felt like you did. He would be willing to go along with anything that was worked out. I see two advantages: (1) way of getting more buyers, (2) way to advertise Southeastern Colorado cattle, which I feel are definitely the best cattle."

If anyone thinks this is worth going into, I am sure we can go ahead." There was no comment. Bill Wootten, Secretary-Treasurer, replied, "I guess not then."

Kenny Clark then called for all the Junior Cattlemen to stand, and they were given a round of applause.

Rick Schneider, President of the Junior Cattlemen's Association, then came forward, and said, "I have three points to make: (1) The Juniors have had a flag made to use to ride in the parades and fairs around the area. We rode in three parades as an organization. We rode in the Kid's Rodeo Parade which was our annual summer meeting held at the Boys' Ranch. We donated \$50.00 to the Boys' Ranch. We now have seventy-one active members. Nine calves were given out, and we express our thanks to the people who donated the calves: John Smartt and Ken Clark. Also, I would like to thank my past officers: Karen Clark, Vice-President; Jo McEndree, Secretary-Treasurer; Connie Herbert, Calf Chain Secretary; Gladys Givan, Reporter; and Kimmie Clark, Historian. Also, thanks to the advisers who helped us. We just had our meeting prior to when we came in. Our new officers are: President, Joe McEndree; Vice-President, Karen Clark; Secretary-Treasurer, Kaye McEndree; Calf Chain Secretary, Kimmie Clark; Reporter, Lonnie Allen; and Historian, Franci Dunlap. Our two-year directors are Tom Sniff and Clyde McCloy; and our one-year directors are Wesley Labrier and Kathy Clark. Eddie Dunlap, Jim Van Campen, John Smartt, and John Givan are our advisers. I have two other points. (2) Emphasis on young people. The kids in the junior organization are the leaders of tomorrow. They are going to be the leaders and will be leading our country. This ties in with my third point. These junior members will be the future members of the Bent-Prowers Association, so you better watch out! If you want something done, they are going to be the new members. I think a closer relationship between the two organizations should be made. I would like to make an honorary resolution that every senior member go up to a junior member today, or anytime, and get to know him."

Eddie Dunlap, President, then stated that he was very proud of the junior organization but had hoped they would find someone else to be their adviser.

Mrs. D. J. Schleining of Wiley then gave a report on the Cow Belles. "We began our new year in September, and we meet ten times a year. In November, we observed Farm City Week and met at Las Animas with twenty-one guests. Each city friend brings a farmer friend. At Christmas, \$100.00 of beef was given to Boys' Ranch; we began doing this in 1963. There were three of us who were able to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting. The January Ag Institute was held at Las Animas, and we had a booth at this meeting. In February, we had our State president pay us a visit. She gave a report about events in the near future. We have a bylaw change. Our new year will now begin in May, because if we have our dues paid before the state convention, this will give us voting rights at the convention. Of course, our organization back in 1957 was originally started in the month of May, so we are back to where we started."

Eddie Dunlap, President, stated that the Cow Belles is another group that he is proud of. "I think they are great!" We are now ready to have the nomination of officers.

Clyde McEndree of the Nominating Committee reported, "We would like to nominate for president, John Smartt of McClave; 1st vice-president,

Lew Mathews of Springfield; 2nd vice-president, Joe Fasser; and Secretary-Treasurer, W. R. Wootten of Lamar. Jim McMillin moved that these men be the officers for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Kenny Clark, and it passed by acclamation.

Clyde McEndree of the Nominating Committee then reported that his committee would like to nominate the following for directors: from Las Animas: A. P. Brown, Byron Davis, Edward P. Dean and John Davidson; from Lamar: Phil Gilbert, Dr. Jim McMillin and Dan Sniff; from Wiley: D. J. Schleining; from Eads: William E. Rose, Eddie Dunlap, William F. Dawson and Narvey Larrew; from Springfield: Clyde McEndree; from Walsh: Bob Mundell; from Arlington: John Givan; from La Junta: Jerry Keffeler; from Kim: Kenneth Clark; from Cheraw: Harold D. Wallace; and from Rocky Ford: H. H. Mendenhall and J.D. Bloodworth. Jim McEndree moved that the foregoing men be directors, and John Givan seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Rick Schneider, President of the Junior Cattlemen's Association then pointed out that there is a story in the Arkansas Valley Journal about the Junior Cattlemen.

Leo Gallagher of La Junta commented, "I have had my hand up all during this meeting, and I have not been recognized. I have a question for Dave Rice. On the meat packing problem on the \$37,000.00 amount, whether or not that is adequate? If not, is there anything that can be done about it?"

Dave Rice responded, "Yes, the \$37,000.00 was the money needed and is matched by the Federal Government in the trading program. The new bill will be from July to July, and that amount, if approved, will be \$240,000.00 which is matched by the Federal Government. The state program is matched 50-50 on any state running its own show. This figure, \$37,000.00, was sufficient to get us by until July 1."

Leo Gallagher asked, "After that what?"

Dave Rice answered, "The long bill takes over from July to July. We wanted the Budget Committee to fund it for next year which they agreed to do. That will be included in the long bill."

Leo Gallagher stated, "We have a plant in La Junta which does \$3,000,000.00 worth of business a year. If we can't keep under state control, look what that would mean to the City of La Junta." "My second question is in regard to ad valorem tax, what was our opinion on that? We are at the bursting point right now. We have a property tax limitation committee which I am a member of in Colorado Springs. What is this Association's thought on that--to curb the increase in mill levy?"

Dave Rice responded, "Not to raise any taxes during this session. One bill has been introduced setting forth one percent sales tax to relieve this property tax. There is another bill that Representative Schaffer is preparing, and it is an adjusted gross tax to replace school ad valorem tax. This is a tax shift and is one that we are attempting to put a ceiling on."

"The more money they get, the more they shift," responded Leo Gallagher. "It is increased every year."

Dave Rice said, "You're right. The feeling all over Colorado is that the property tax has got to stop in rural and town areas. There are two or three bills in the hopper to tighten down the budget procedures--making schools more responsive to law and to control some of this spending. Teachers' salaries have aggravated the situation. C.C.A. has taken the stand that adjusted gross income tax gets more people in the act. If everyone votes in

bond and school elections everyone should pay for it. This bill will be around \$200,000,000.00. This will replace ad valorem tax at the present time. Our tax is 35 mills over most of the state."

Leo Gallagher stated, "I would like to make a motion that this organization place a minimum restraint on mill levy on ad valorem tax."

Dave Rice said, "That is what they are striving to do. There is an organization in Pueblo pushing sales tax for the same purpose. We have felt that adjusted gross rather than sales tax would be better."

Leo Gallagher stated, "Sales tax is what everyone pays. It is the most feasible."

Dave Rice said, "I have a feeling we are not going to get either one this time. I have talked to sixteen so far and have gotten a pretty good response. There is a debate between sales tax and income tax. It will probably be back in force at the June convention."

Leo Gallagher stated, "I would like to offer a motion that this association go on record as putting a limitation on ad valorem taxes."

Eddie Dunlap, President, said, "I think your motion is in order. I think one thing along this line is that we do have a need for something of this type. In the past, schools cannot raise over six percent without a vote of the people. This would help control the increase."

"They have exceeded that limitation for the past four or five years, and nothing has been done about it," said Leo Gallagher.

Eddie Dunlap, President, replied, "They have done this by the vote of the people."

Dave Rice stated, "Any bill passed would have an ad valorem ceiling built into the bill. A bill was introduced Friday and is drawing quite a little opposition by C.E.A.. They prefer this bill not pass. This is one means of doing what you are saying. If you are to go over the 6% expenditures, it is wide open then. We need a motion here that any sales tax bill or adjusted gross bill would have a built-in ceiling for ad valorem taxes."

Eddie Dunlap, President, asked Leo Gallagher, "Does that sound like what you are getting at--would have a built-in ceiling as far as ad valorem taxes are concerned or do you want a motion that we put limitation."

Leo Gallagher answered, "I want a motion that the limitation is stopped where it is on ad valorem taxes."

Jim McEndree responded, "We have been fighting for this."

Leo Gallagher added, "I see sales tax as the most just and feasible tax that there is. Everyone will have to pay it. We have to have a limit on this ad valorem tax."

Tommy Rose asked, "Are you going to entertain this motion? I would like to ask him to come forward and make his motion."

President, Eddie Dunlap, then asked Leo Gallagher to come up to the podium and make his motion.

Leo Gallagher came forward and said, "I would like for this cattle association to go on record to call a curb at its present level on property ad valorem tax and to seek other sources of revenue for our government to operate on other than just the property tax owner. Thank you."

President, Eddie Dunlap, called for a second. The motion died for lack of a second, and Eddie Dunlap, President, said, "May I suggest, Leo, that we continue this in a directors' meeting?"

Leo Gallagher answered, "I certainly will. In regards to the land bill, I opposed it on the basis that this bill takes the control out of the hands of our local government."

Dave Rice responded, "That bill is going to do just what you outlined there--puts control back on the local level. So, if we are successful at getting the re-write of this bill accepted we are doing what you want to do on this. We are headed in that direction. In order to get the State to go along with meat inspection, we have had to agree to an increase in fees, and they are proposing a graduation of \$50.00/\$75.00/\$100.00. This is one of the conditions that we agreed to."

There being no further business, Jim McMillin moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by John Smartt and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Wootten, Secretary

Aaron Joseph Hasser

PROWERS COUNTY

Lamar, Colo.

Aaron Joe Hasser was born March 25, 1897, in Fowler, Indiana. It was here that he attended school; also in Hereford, Texas, where he moved with his parents when he was eleven years of age. He was engaged in ranching and cattle raising with his father in Texas until they moved to Lamar, Colorado in March of 1918.

Aaron filed on a homestead in March, 1918, about thirty miles south of Lamar. He moved on his homestead May 4, 1918. He served in World War I until the end of the war.

Aaron has been a member of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association for many years and has served as a director of this Ass'n. for 8 years. He was 2nd Vice-President for 1 year, and 1st Vice-President for 1 year. He declined the Presidency nomination for reasons of health. Aaron is also a member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

Aaron took great pride in building a fine Hereford cattle herd. He retired from ranching in 1965, but is still very interested in Bent-Prowers and the livestock industry.

Aaron recalls working with fellow ranchers such as John Nolan, Leroy Riley, the Cain brothers: Pat and Hubert, and Harry; the Sniff brothers: Emmitt, Floyd, and Noel, Clark Mitchell, and Dwight and Fred Clark.

J. A. McGlothlin (Jim)

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La Junta, Colo.

Jim McGlothlin was born January 13, 1890, at Wheatland, Missouri. He came to Rocky Ford with his parents on March 28, 1905, at the age of 15. In 1910 he and his brother, Estal, farmed together and also went into the cattle business.

Jim McGlothlin moved to Lamar in 1920 and farmed north of town, raising cattle along with his farming. He moved back to La Junta and bought the farm on which he now lives, late in 1937.

He was a member of the Catlin Canal Ditch Board for a number of years, and is now a director in the La Junta State Bank.

His wife is the former Georgia Dobbins of La Junta; she is a past State Cowbelle President.

Harvey McKinnis

BACA COUNTY

Springfield, Colo.

Harvey McKinnis was born February 28, 1904, in Uniontown, Kansas and was the youngest in a family of nine children, who are all still living. He has an older brother, J.K. McKinnis of Walsh, who with R.B. Holt opened the Colorado State Bank in Stonnington, Colorado in 1916. Harvey attended school in Uniontown and took his college work at Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas. During the summers of his high school and college days Harvey helped at the bank in Stonnington.

Harvey started working for the First National Bank of Springfield in 1923 and is still employed there. He became president of the bank in 1952, after having served as Vice-President for several years. On Dec. 20, 1929, Harvey was married to Grace Kirker, his Kansas girl friend, who was teaching school in Springfield. They have one son, Charles, who is married and has a family and works for IBM in Denver.

Harvey has long been active in the cattle business through the bank, and also on his own ranch which is located just west of Springfield. In later years Harvey entered Thoroughbred Horse Racing and at the present time has two horses which are doing quite well on some of the major tracks of the country. He has always been active in civic affairs and has served Springfield as mayor and city councilman. He belongs to the Springfield Masonic Lodge and the First Methodist Church and is a long time member of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

William E. Rose

KIOWA COUNTY

Hasty, Colo.

Mr. Rose was born March 20, 1895, near Piedmont, Kansas, at the foot of the Flint Hills. He grew to manhood in this area, attending rural schools until high school. Rose attended High School in Severy, Kansas, later receiving credits in college at Greeley, Colorado. He later moved with his parents to their claim north of Hasty, where they arrived on August. 28, 1915.

Mr. Rose began teaching school on September 1, 1916, and taught for 8 years. He was Asst. Superintendent of Schools for 3 years, and also served as County Treasurer for Kiowa County for 8 years. He was Kiowa County Commissioner for 12 years.

Mr. Rose was President of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Ass'n. for 1 year, and is now serving as a Board member. Was President of the Kiowa County Farm Bureau for 10 years, and is still serving. Was President of the Eads Consumers Supply Co. for 8 years and is still serving. He has been involved in cattle production ever since he was big enough to work, and started riding after cattle in the Flint Hills at the age of 12 years. "I believe that Bent-Prowers is one of the finest organizations that I have ever been associated with." We are sure Bent-Prowers has benefited greatly from his many years of dedicated service. "I have endured many failures and hard times but it has been worth the effort."

Mr. Rose, his wife, his son Donald, and his family all reside on their ranch north of Hasty in Kiowa County.

Leonard Shannon

BENT COUNTY

Caddoa, Colo.

Leonard Shannon was born in 1892 at San Angelo, Texas.

He first came to Colorado in 1916 and homesteaded some 50 miles south of Las Animas near Nina View. Leonard spent two years in France with the Army during World War I and returned to Colorado in April 1919.

In May, 1920, he was married to Dick Ellen Gentry at Las Animas. Mrs. Shannon's father, Mart B. Gentry, rode for the Reynolds Cattle Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon have three children; Gus, Mark, and Dixie. Gus played football for the University of Colorado and Mark for Colorado State College at Greeley.

The Shannons moved to Caddoa in 1947 where Mrs. Shannon served as postmaster and proprietor of a small store, while Leonard still worked with cattle.

Leonard is quoted as saying, "I never had time or occasion to any clubs." However, he has long been an active member of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR SERVICES

C. V. Mills

C. V. Mills is the man with the golden touch on his typewriter-- a man with the God-given talent to make a dull story interesting and an interesting story positively fantastic.

Mr. Mills is a native of Syracuse, Kansas, where his mother still lives, and early in life he got a taste of the bitterness of a punk killing a cop when his father, then County Sheriff, was killed by fleeing bank robbers when he stopped their car to question them.

Mills is a Navy veteran and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

A real newspaper pro, he has been writing sports, features, and general news in papers in South Dakota, and in the Arkansas Valley.

Five children have gone through Lamar High School, with the girls winning queen contests throughout, and the Mills boys making their name in sports; football, basketball, and baseball.

Mills has served, in the Arkansas Valley area, on the staff of the Lamar Daily News, the Pueblo Star Journal and Chieftain, and for the last three years as the Arkansas Valley Journal in the lower valley, in Lamar, and Kiowa and Baca counties.

On the Journal staff much of his work has been with and for the cattlemen. He has been an ardent and effective fighter in the cause of the Livestock Industry, and has brought to life through his golden typewriter much of the colorful past of this western country.

His articles in the Arkansas Valley Journal are widely quoted and widely reprinted, spreading the fame of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, and the livestock industry of the area that the Association serves.